BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 15, 2023 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President, Denise McBride. Present: Denise McBride, Tom Gross, Curt Gottschalk, Bob Pasch and Brian Locke. Erin Ludwig and Rod Cole were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Brian Locke read the District Mission Statement.

Motion by Bob Pasch, seconded by Tom Gross to approve the agenda with no additions or deletions. Motion carried 5/0.

Denise McBride welcomed Bree Moeggenberg and Stacie Pratt.

Bree Moeggenberg and Stacie Pratt addressed the Board.

Motion by Brian Locke, seconded by Bob Pasch to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2023. Motion carried 5/0.

Bill Chilman presented the Board with the following correspondence: School Equity Caucus Newsletter, Aggie Express Newsletter, a list of graduation seniors for presenting diplomas, WAAC Summer Camp information, educational magazines, the athletic trainer contract.

Bill Chilman reported for the Building, Maintenance, Grounds and Transportation Committee: They discussed using sec 97 money for the locks and cameras rather than Bond money. They are moving forward with the weight room project. We will not be spending any more money until we know a final cost on the fire system upgrade. They discussed the vision and dental insurance request for the bus drivers and custodians. They will move forward with the sale of the 5 acres this summer. They reviewed the Bond Brochure that will be passed out at the 75th Birthday Celebration.

Brian Locke reported for the District School Improvement Committee. They were given a budget update. Dan and Jake reported on the SSIT and ESIT meetings. They discussed the SEL/Safety and Security update. They were given a Title 1 update and a Math Intervention update. Jake and Dan are working on handbooks for the next school year. They also discussed the “Hat Issue”.

Bill Chilman reported for the Personnel Committee. They discussed non-union wage increases for next year. They discussed bus driver benefits & wage increases for the drivers. Denise reported that each board member has received a superintendent’s evaluation form. She is requesting that they get them back to her by the middle of June for her to compile.

Jason Johnston reported that they are in full swing with assessment season. They have a waiting list for Kindergarten for next year.

Rod Freeze reported that he attended an MSBO Conference last month. There was a lot of discussion on the budget. Auditors will be her for a preliminary audit on July 6-7. Their full audit will be in September.

Dan Boyer reported that there are a lot of senior events happening right now. Last week G’ne Jorgensen and her Drama Club put on a great dinner theater production. Brian Pruitt, a motivational speaker, was here last week for a couple assemblies.

Bill Chilman reported that he, Dan and Ben have put in a lot of time lately on the cyber bullying case. They have gotten FOIA’s and information requests from quite a few media outlets. Bill thanked the Board for allowing him to go with his sons and friends on their cruise last weekend.

Motion by Tom Gross, seconded by Bob Pasch to approve the April payments of the bills as presented in detail in the board packet: General Fund payments of $643,308.69, Hot Lunch payments of $13,089.24, Student Activity Account payments of $20,376.81, Athletic Fund payments of $5,886.66, Arbiter Sports payments of $1,456.00, Debt Fund 2012 payments of $83,399.75, Debt 2017 payments of $142,197.50, Debt 2021 payments of $766,500.00, and Capital Projects 2021 checking account payments of $46,017.52. Motion carried 5/0.

Bill Chilman reported that the Bond Brochure will be ready to hand out at the June 6th 75th Birthday Bash. A video for the bond is being finalized. Bill included a calendar of deadlines for the Bond proposal in his update.

Rod Freeze reported that they had 15 applications for 13 scholarships that will be awarded. Rod contacted some community members and asked them to attend a meeting on Thursday, May 18th to discuss the history of the school. He will use information gained from the meeting at the 75th Birthday Celebration that is being planned for June 6th.

Denise McBride will be collecting the board member’s superintendent evaluations and will compile them in order to present Bill his evaluation in June.

Motion by Tom Gross, seconded by Curt Gottschalk to approve the Resolution calling & certifying the Bond Election for August 8, 2023 as presented. Motion carried 5/0.

Motion by Brian Locke, seconded by Bob Pasch to approve the GIRESD Annual Budget Resolution as presented. Motion carried 5/0.

Motion by Tom Gross, seconded by Curt Gottschalk to approve the GIRESD Board Election Resolution with Rod Cole as our school voting representative as presented. Motion carried 5/0.

Motion by Brian Locke, seconded by Curt Gottschalk to accept Emily Socola’s resignation as our Band Director and Jessica Spry’s resignation as a secondary teacher as presented. Motion carried 5/0.

Motion by Tom Gross, seconded by Brian Locke to approve the hiring of Carrie Bleise as a half time business office assistant as presented. Motion carried 5/0.

Motion by Tom Gross, seconded by Bob Pasch to accept Chadd Fletcher’s resignation as the Varsity Girls Basketball Coach and Collin Hoeberling’s resignation as the JV Girls Basketball coach as presented. Motion carried 5/0.

Motion by Tom Gross, seconded by Bob Pasch to approve the 1st reading of the NEOLA Policy spring updates with the changes discussed regarding policy #0167.3 as presented. Motion carried 5/0.

Motion by Brian Locke, seconded by Tom Gross to approve the Letter of Agreement with the BCEA on Schedule C Calendar as presented. Motion carried 5/0.

Denise McBride reminded the board members of the Staff Appreciation cookout on June 8th at noon.

Denise McBride reminded the board members of graduation on May 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Tom Gross, seconded by Brian Locke to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Roll call. Motion carried 5/0.

Recording Secretary

Carrie Bleise

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Denise McBride, President

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Curt Gottschalk, Secretary